

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Robertson, et. al.	
Serial No.: 10/532,098	Group Art Unit:
Filed: 4/21/2005	
Title: Compound Optical and Electrical Conductors, and Connectors Therefor	Examiner:
Attorney Docket No.: C2ABU043.C29	

PETITION TO PROCEED WITHOUT INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Dear Sir:


Applicant hereby petitions the patent Office to proceed with the application in the name of Jonas Robertson without the non-signing inventor, or in the present case, non-signing executor on behalf of the inventor.

The current invention has two joint inventors, namely Jonas Robertson and Robert Currie. A declaration for Mr. Robertson is enclosed herewith. Robert Currie died on July 26, 2005, after filing the application but prior to signing the declaration. On information and belief, his wife, Problems Y. Currie is the executor of his estate and his heir on this property. Problems Currie has been contacted and provided with a certified, return receipt copy of declaration to be signed. The papers were mailed to her on March 7, 2006. To date, the papers have not been returned signed, despite Problems Currie's indication that she would be willing to sign the papers. If the papers are returned, they will be submitted promptly to the Patent Office as called out in 37 CFR 1.47(a).

Applicant therefore petitions that this application continue in the name of the other inventor, namely Jonas Robertson, until such time as the nonsigning inventor subsequently join in the application by filing an oath or declaration complying with § 1.63.

Respectfully submitted,

March 13, 2006

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DECLARATION

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
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Dear Sir:

I, Robert N. Blackmon, attorney for Applicant, state:

1. A signed declaration has been required for this application by the named inventors Jonas Robertson and Robert M. Currie in the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. A signed declaration by Mr. Robertson is enclosed herewith.
3. The named inventor Robert M. Currie died since this application was filed on April 21, 2005. A Preliminary Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad is enclosed herewith evidencing Mr. Currie's death on July 26, 2005. (Exhibit 1)
4. A declaration was not signed by Robert Currie for this application.
5. To the best of my knowledge, Robert Currie's wife Problems Y. Currie is the executor of Mr. Currie's estate and the heir to Mr. Currie's estate.
6. I telephoned Problems Currie on or about February 20, 2006 to secure her signature as Robert Currie's executor, and again on or about March 7, 2006.
7. I spoke with Problems Currie on March 7, 2006 about having her sign the declaration for Mr. Currie. She indicated that she would be willing to sign the documents.
8. I mailed the documents of Exhibit 2 to Problems Currie on March 7, 2006 for her signature.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the lie so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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March 7, 2006

Problems Y. Currie
384 Willis Rd.
Harvey, LA 71467

Re: Signing Patent Application Declaration for Bob Currie as Executor
Docket: C2ABU043.C29

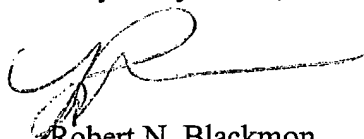
Dear Problems:

I am contacting you on behalf of Jonas Robertson. It is my understanding that you are the executor and/or heir of Bob's estate. To that end, I need you to sign and date the enclosed patent application declaration so that we can proceed with the application. If you can fax the signature page to me at 703-684-5633 or mail the entire "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney," it would help us a great deal. I may need to contact you later on several other on-going matters, but would appreciate it if you could respond to this urgent matter first.

If you have any questions, please call me on my cell phone at 202-256-7222 or I can also be reached at work at 703-684-5633. You will note that Jonas Robertson is the co-inventor, and you can also contact him if you have any questions.

Please do not hesitate to call me if I can provide you with any additional information on these or other matters.

Very Truly Yours,



Robert N. Blackmon
Reg. Patent Attorney

Enclosures

Preliminary Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad

Montreal, Canada, 11-Aug-2005

(Post date of issue)

SSA No. 031-48-1686

Name in full ROBERT MONROE CURRIE

Age 45 YEARS

Date and Place of Birth AUGUST 11, 1959 BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI USA

Evidence of U.S. Citizenship BIRTH CERTIFICATE 123-59 35241 ISSUED MARCH 11, 2002, MISSISSIPPI

Address in U.S.A. 13 NORTH MAIN, DERRY, NH USA 03038

Permanent or Temporary Address Abroad HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT HOTEL 6500 COTE DE LIESSE, DORVAL QC, CANADA H

Date of death JULY 26, 2005

Place of Death HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT HOTEL 6500 COTE DE LIESSE, DORVAL, QC H4T 1E3

(Number and Street) or (Hospital or hotel)

Cause of death HEART ATTACK

(Including authority for statement - if physician, include full name and official title, if any)

CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED "TO BE DETERMINED" WAITING FOR TOXICOLOGY RESULTS.

Disposition of the remains PREPARED/RETURNED

Local law governing disinterment of remains provides that

N/A

Disposition of the effects MRS. CURRIE PICKED UP SUBJECT'S PERSON EFFECTS AT THE POLICE STATION.

Person or official responsible for custody of effects and accounting therefor MRS. CURRIE

Traveling/residing abroad with relatives or friends as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Informed by telegram or telephone

NAME

ADDRESS

DATE SENT

PROMISE AKA PROBLEM CURRIE

13 NORTH MAIN, DERRY, NH USA 03038

08-AUG-2005

TAMMY MEYERS

112 WEST 3RD ST, LONG BEACH, MS USA 38560

09-AUG-2005

Copy of this report sent to:

NAME

ADDRESS

DATE SENT

PROMISE AKA PROBLEM CURRIE

13 NORTH MAIN, DERRY, NH USA 03038

11-AUG-2005

TAMMY MEYERS

112 WEST 3RD ST, LONG BEACH, MS USA 38560

11-AUG-2005

Notification or copy sent to Federal Agencies: SSA ☒ VA ☒ CSC ☐ Other ☐

(State Agency)

The original copy of this document and information concerning the effects are being placed in the permanent files of the Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520

Remarks: Subject's US passport was not recovered, however it was cancelled (CLASP) in the system.

[SEAL]

Stephen M. Ashby

Consul

of the United States of America.

Certified copies available from: Correspondence Branch, Passport Services

Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. First Copy \$20, additional copies \$10.00.

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Currie
(Last Name)

Robert Monroe
(First Name)

(First Name)

July 26, 2005 22:12:00
(Date of death)

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I. TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility	<input type="checkbox"/> Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Divisional	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation in Part
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

II. INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) on the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION**COMPOUND OPTICAL AND ELECTRICAL CONDUCTORS, AND CONNECTORS THEREFOR****SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which: (complete (a) or (b))

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
And amended by preliminary amendment of _____ (if applicable).
- (b) ☒ was filed on 4/21/2005 as
Application Serial No. 10/532,098
And was amended on _____. (if applicable)

III. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a). I further acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

IV. CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER FOREIGN/PCT/PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS OR INVENTOR'S CERTIFICATES(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119**A. PRIORITY BASED ON FOREIGN APPLICATION**

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificates having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s), if applicable:

	Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed	Certified Copy Attached (Y/N)
i.					
ii.					
iii.					

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B. PRIORITY BASED ON PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

☐ I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below:

	Application No.	Filing Date
i.	60/419,548	10/21/2002
iii.		

	Application No.	Filing Date
ii.		
iv.		

C. CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION (S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

☒ I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

☒ that is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56
(also check the following item, if desired)

☒ and that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(also check the following item, if desired)

☒ In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

Prior U.S. and/or PCT Applications, if applicable:

	US Application or PCT No.	Parent Filing Date	Parent Patent No. (if applicable)
i.	PCT/US03/14533	5/16/2003	
ii.			
iii.			

V. POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

OR

☒ Practitioners at: **Customer Number: 21919**

☐ Robert N. Blackmon, Reg. No. 39,494

VI. Direct all correspondence to: ☒ **Customer Number: 21919**

OR

☐ Correspondence Address below:

673 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-684-5633; Facsimile: 703-684-5637

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SIGNATURES

Full Name of **Sole or First Inventor**: Mr. Jonas J. Robertson

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Country of Citizenship: US

Residence: 2521 Orbit Court, Harvey, LA 70058

Post Office Address: Same

Full Name of **Second or Joint Inventor**, if any:

Mr. Robert M. Currie, deceased, by Problems Y. Currie, Executor

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Country of Citizenship: US

Residence: 384 Willis Rd., Pollock, LA 71467

Post Office Address: Same

☐ Additional inventors are being named on the ____ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) Sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached here to.